IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Seiii Bando et al.

Attv. Dkt.: VX062737 PCT

Serial No.: 10/579,734

Art Unit: 4121

Filed: May 18, 2006

Examiner: PIHONAK, Sarah Maureen

Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING 2-

ACYLTHIOPHENE COMPOUND

Date: April 7, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 FILED ELECTRONICALLY

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Dear Sir

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 7, 2009, which inadvertently set forth a one-month period for response. In an Office communication mailed on February 3, 2009, the period for response to the Office Action mailed on January 7, 2009, was reset to expire three-months from the mailing date of the Office Action mailed on January 7, 2009. Accordingly, this response is due on or before April 7, 2009.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.